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BEFORE THE  
  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Gas  
Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities  
and Render Natural Gas Service in a Portion of the  
Town of Greenville, Outagamie County, Wisconsin

6650-CG-189

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION  
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utility, filed an application with the Commission on February 2, 1998, for authority under ss. 196.49 and 196.50 Stats., and Chapter PSC 133, Wis. Adm. Code, to construct facilities and render natural gas service in a portion of the Town of Greenville, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

WGC is a gas public utility, as defined in s. 196.01(5), Stats., with its principal office at 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WGC is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in the City of Milwaukee and its suburban areas and in other Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns. WGC presently provides natural gas service in the immediate vicinity of the Town of Greenville including the Towns of Ellington and Hortonville, and the Village of Hortonville, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

The Town of Greenville, Outagamie County, Wisconsin adopted an ordinance on December 8, 1997, granting WGC the authority to provide natural gas in the Town of Greenville.

In order to provide continued expansion of natural gas service to the Town of Greenville, Outagamie County, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) and WGC agreed on March 20, 1997, to replace an existing boundary line agreement between the two companies with a new boundary agreement. By entering into this new agreement, both companies believe that they will be able to plan for efficient expansion of their gas facilities to serve the needs of new customers in this rapidly growing area.

The modified boundary agreement assigns WGC sections 6 and 7, the majority of sections 8, 18, 19, 30, and 31, and portions of sections 4, 5, and 17 of the Town of Greenville, Outagamie County.

WGC proposes to build approximately 11,704 feet of natural gas main to serve in the first year 25 residential and 3 commercial customers in the Town of Greenville, Outagamie County, at an estimated direct cost of \$67,871. The cost estimate does not include joint expense and general administrative overhead. Extensions of service to the proposed customers will be in accordance with WGC's currently-filed Extension of Distribution Facility Rules.

The proposed route includes an extension from WGC's existing facilities in the Village of Hortonville of the Town of Hortonville to the east. The project starts at the end of existing main along USH 45, approximately 650 feet east of Greendale Road, in the Town of Greenville. From that point a 4" PE line will run east along USH 45 approximately 4,743 feet to Manley Road. A 3" PE main will continue south approximately 6,141 feet in Manley Road to about 500 feet south of Hillcrest Court. At the intersection of Hillcrest Court and Manley Road, approximately 820 feet of a 1¼" PE will extend from the 3" PE to the east in Hillcrest Court.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate the application without hearing unless an interested party requests a hearing within 10 working days after the date this notice is mailed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a gas public utility. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Gas Company as a gas public utility, under s. 196.85, Stats., and Chapter PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact John R. Vogt, Natural Gas Division at (608) 267-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission:

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Anita Sprenger, Administrator

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